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FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1975. PM, IO AND EB DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

AF - JAMES J. BLAKE, ACTING

1. SENEGAL: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS FLEW TO SAN ANTONIO THIS MORNING TO MEET PRESIDENT SENGHOR, WHO WAS ARRIVING FROM MEXICO, AND TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO WASHINGTON. THE PARTY WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT ANDREWS IN THE EARLY EVENING WHERE THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GREETED BY ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL.

2. RWANDA: I MET TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR FRITTS ON CONSULTATION FROM RWANDA. FRITTS INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVES HE IS STILL ABLE TO OBTAIN A RELATIVELY SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM THE BASICALLY MODERATE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE US BUT THAT ARAB, CHIEFLY LIBYAN, INFLUENCE MAY BE EXPECTED TO GROW

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AS A RESULT OF THE DOLS 17 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE LIBYA HAS EXTENDED TO RWANDA.

3. NIGERIA: IN COOPERATION WITH OUR AID COLLEAGUES, WE LINED UP IN RESPONSE TO A NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT URGENT

REQUEST EMERGENCY WAREHOUSE STRUCTURES AND THE COMMERCIAL AIRLIFT REQUIRED TO MOVE THEM TO LAGOS. TODAY WE ARRANGED FOR THE NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO MAKE THE FIRST PAYMENT (DOLS 200,000) TO THE WAREHOUSE SUPPLIER. THE AIRLIFT WILL BEGIN TOMORROW. EMBASSY LAGOS BELIEVES THIS "CAN DO" FAST RESPONSE WILL IMPRESS THE NIGERIANS FAVORABLY.

TOMORROW: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS WILL BE ATTENDING THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON FOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE. HE WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING LATER THAT DAY BETWEEN THE ACTING SECRETARY AND SENE-GALESE FOREIGN MINISTER SECK. IN THE EVENING HE PLANS TO ATTEND THE SENEGALESE RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR AT THE SHERATON PARK.

EUR - JOHN A. ARMITAGE, ACTING:

POSSIBLE WORLD BANK AID TO PORTUGAL. WORLD BANK VP MUNIR BENJEUK CALLED ON BRUCE LAINGEN PRIOR TO GOING TO PORTUGAL TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN IBRD PROGRAM TOTALING AS MUCH AS DOLS 60 MILLION. THE BANK HAS IN MIND PROJECTS PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND ELECTRIC POWER. BENJEUK SAID THE BANK SHARES OUR CONCERN OVER POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN PORTUGAL BUT BELIEVES IT WILL NONETHELESS DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH A PROGRAM OF THIS KIND. LAINGEN DESCRIBED OUR OWN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PORTUGAL AS ONE WE ARE KEEPING UNDER CLOSE AND CAREFUL REVIEW IN LIGHT OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

NATO HEARING POSTPONED. THE HEARING ON NATO OF THE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE BECAUSE DOD COULD NOT PRODUCE A WITNESS.

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LOWENSTEIN TO EUROPE. JIM LOWENSTEIN LEFT FOR BRUSSELS THIS AFTERNOON WITH WAYNE HAYS TO ADDRESS THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- REQUESTED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TO SUGGEST TO SOVIET EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE FOR MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF TO MEET WITH STAFF OF ABOUREZK SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING BILLS ON SUBMISSION OF EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS TO CONGRESS.

-- PREPARED MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY URGING THAT NOTES BE SENT TO VENEZUELA AND PERU OBJECTING TO THE

RESPONSE OF THESE GOVERNMENTS TO RUMORS OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS BY GULF OIL COMPANY.

-- PREPARED REVISIONS OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BILL TO ACCOMMODATE JUSTICE AND PRIVATE BAR DESIRES THAT SERVICE ON FOREIGN STATES BE MADE THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. WE ARE SUPPORTING A COMPROMISE IN WHICH STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO MAKE SUCH SERVICE WHERE THE FOREIGN STATE OBJECTS TO SERVICE THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL EXCEPT WHERE THE CASE ARISES OUT OF ACTS OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- PREPARED REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN MOSS'S LETTER PROTESTING STATE DEPARTMENT "INTERVENTION" IN THE VEN-FUELS CASE.

-- CONFERRED WITH ABA REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING ALTERNATIVE TO BENTSEN AND GLENN BILLS.

NEA, ACTING SOBER

1. I MET FOR AN HOUR WITH ABOUT 25 BUSINESSMEN IN ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE-DIPLOMAT SEMINARS, SPEAKING TO THEM ON THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS PROSPECTS IN THE NEAR EAST. THEY EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN OUR EFFORTS ON THE PEACE-MAKING FRONT AND IN WHAT WE ARE DOING--AS THROUGH THE JOINT COMMISSIONS-- TO HELP

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OPEN UP BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

2. I GAVE A LUNCHEON FOR THE DEPARTING NEPALESE AMBASSADOR. THE NEPALESE HEALTH MINISTER, HERE ON A U.S. VISITORS GRANT, ALSO ATTENDED AND SAID THAT SHE WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF HER VISIT TO U.S.

3. INDIAN CHARGE GONSALVES CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DELHI, TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE REFERENCE TO THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST IN THE SECRETARY'S ST. LOUIS SPEECH REFLECTED ANY CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION TOWARD THE INDIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM. DUBS RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. POSITION REMAINED AS STATED BY THE SECRETARY IN NEW DELHI LAST OCTOBER. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND OPPOSES SUCH PROLIFERATION BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON WORLD STABILITY.

ARA - ROGERS

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK -- I RETURNED LATE LAST NIGHT, WITH BILL SIMON, FROM THE IDB MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO. AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES, BILL'S

STATEMENT WAS FORTHCOMING. PRESIDENT BALAGUER MADE A STRONG STATEMENT ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE ENERGY PRICE INCREASES ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SUGGESTED NEW FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HIS FINGER WAS POINTED STRONGLY AT VENEZUELA. I MET WITH BALAGUER LATER. HE IS TOUGH AND A STRONG FRIEND, PROUD OF HIS COUNTRY'S PROGRESS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. HE IS NOT AFRAID TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT US PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAS HELPED, AND THAT PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS CONTINUING TO HELP. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF OUR VOTING FOR ORFILA. GOMEZ BERGES WAS NOT IN SANTO DOMINGO. I HAD THE SENSATION THAT BALAGUER WANTED TO SEE ME WITHOUT HIM TO SIGNAL THAT HE HAD NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT OUR ACTIONS.

I ALSO MET WITH THE CHILEANS IN SANTO DOMINGO. THEY THANKED US FOR OUR EFFORTS AT PARIS, AND ASKED IF WE COULD DO SOMETHING WITH THE NEW YORK BANKS. I SAID, YES.

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THE PRESS -- I BRIEFED THE PRESS ABOUT THE OASGA. STRONGLY UPBEAT. THERE WAS A GOOD TURNOUT AND FEWER QUESTIONS ABOUT CUBA THAN IN THE PAST.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS -- TONIGHT, THE VICE PRESIDENT HONORS GALO PLAZA AT RENWICK. THEN, I AM OFF TO JAPAN FOR THE ANNUAL BILATERAL TALKS ON LATIN AMERICA.

H - RJMCLOSKEY

1. REFUGEE AUTHORIZATION BILL - THE CONFERENCE REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON. THE MEASURE IS NOW CLEAR FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE. DEAN BROWN WILL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE US BEFORE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TOMORROW.

2. SCHEEL ADDRESS - WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS TO ARRANGE AN ADDRESS BY SCHEEL TO A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS. THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE IS TRYING TO FIX A FIRM DATE. I HAVE TALKED WITH MANSFIELD AND HE HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT IT.

3. JAVITS LETTER ON ISRAEL - THE LETTER WILL BE RELEASED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW IN WHICH JAVITS WILL BE JOINED BY BAYH, HUMPHREY AND JACKSON. JAVITS NOW HAS 75 CO-SIGNERS. WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT SINCE PERCY SHOWED IT TO YOU BUT YOU WILL RECALL THAT HUMPHREY TOLD ME THAT IT HAD BEEN REWRITTEN AND REPORTEDLY SOFTENED. WE WILL TRANSMIT THE TEXT TOMORROW.

4. WHO AND ISRAEL - SIX SENATORS, INCLUDING CASE, JAVITS, HUMPHREY, MCGEE, SCHWEICKER AND 42 REPRESENTATIVES, TODAY SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO TO URGE THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN AT THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN THE WHO. THE TELEGRAM WAS RELEASED TO THE PRESS THIS AFTERNOON. SENATE STAFFERS TOLD US THAT THEY WERE ALERTED TO A POTENTIAL PROBLEM AT WHA BY "OUTSIDE SOURCES" AND DID NOT SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM THE STATE

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DEPARTMENT BEFORE SENDING THE TELEGRAM AND MAKING IT PUBLIC.

EA - MR. ZURHELLEN

CLOSING OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY

THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WAS FORMALLY CLOSED TODAY. EA OFFICERS CALLED AT THE EMBASSY TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH AMBASSADOR PHUONG SIGNALING THE TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS OF THE EMBASSY AND THE TWO CONSULATES GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO. WE RECEIVED THE KEYS TO THE CHANCERY AND AN INVENTORY OF VIETNAMESE ASSETS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE LIMITED PROTECTION TO THIS PROPERTY PENDING A DECISION ON THE ALGERIAN REQUEST TO TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE ASSETS HERE.

PHUONG ALSO MADE FINAL COURTESY CALLS ON THE ACTING SECRETARY AND ON BOB MILLER.

USE OF AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL TO SUPPORT DRILLING OPERATIONS IN TAIWAN STRAIT

AFTER RECEIVING APPARENT CONFIRMATION THAT CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY HAS CHARTERED AN AMERICAN FLAG SUPPLY VESSEL WITH A PARTIAL AMERICAN CREW FOR USE IN OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS OFF TAIWAN, LES EDMOND PHONED CONOCO PRESIDENT JOHN KIRCHER TO REITERATE THAT US POLICY WAS TO DISCOURAGE AMERICAN FIRMS FROM EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED WATERS AND IN ADDITION TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASKED THAT THE OIL COMPANIES AVOID THE USE OF AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS OR AMERICAN CREWS. CONOCO WOULD BE THE FIRST AMERICAN FIRM TO IGNORE THE LATTER RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CONOCO HEAD OFFICE AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. INGERSOLL

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